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Without waiver of confidentiality, the Examiner's attention is also directed to copending, commonly assigned, Design Patent Applications 29/189,601; 29/189,610; 29/189,611; 29/189,612; 29/189,613; 29/189,614; and 29/189,616, each of which was filed on September 9, 2003 and each of which is entitled "Portion of a Multi-Handled Bag."

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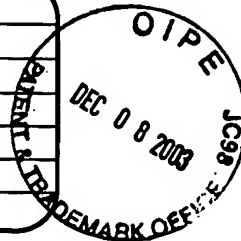
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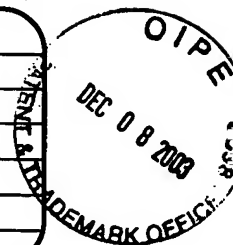
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